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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/992,639  
Applicant : Dana Mears et al.  
Filed : November 6, 2001  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A  
MINIMALLY INVASIVE TOTAL HIP ARTHROPLASTY  
  
TC/A.U. : 3732  
Examiner : Michael B. Priddy  
  
Docket No. : ZIM0048-01/ZM0414 A CIP 1

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.